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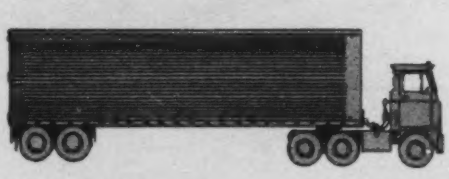

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OCTOBER TONNAGE DROPS SHARPLY

In October, 1982, the ATA tonnage index was 124.8p, a decline of six and seven-tenths points from the revised September level. This decline contrasts with the slow, steady, upward movement that had been seen since the beginning of 1982. The actual tons reported in October were 6.33 million, down 6.4 percent from September. However, the standard adjustments for variations due to the number of working/trading days and the season reduced this decline to 5.1 percent.

The number of summarized carriers and the index levels for September and October are influenced by differences in carrier reporting periods. Some firms report tonnage for 4-week periods and thus submit 13 reports per year. To combine them with the majority of carriers reporting on a calendar month basis requires, in this 10th of 13 reports, adding their tonnage back into September figures. This necessary adjustment (standard period shift) resulted in a downward revision of the September index level and the seemingly small number of carriers reporting for October. This adjustment will be self-correcting by year's end.

The September and October tonnage index declines correspond to decreases in many other broader economic indicators. Apparently, a strong recovery is still not underway.

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INDEXES AND COMPARISONS THROUGH OCTOBER
1967 = 100

	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Oct. 1981	Monthly % Change 9/82 / 8/82	Monthly % Change 10/82 / 9/82	Yearly % Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	124.8p	131.5r	133.9f	139.7f	-1.8	-5.1	-10.7
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	128.6p	137.4r	129.7f	147.9f	+5.9	-6.4	-13.1
Industrial Production Index[2] (total)	136.3	137.4	138.1	149.1	-0.5	-0.8	- 8.6
Manufacturers (total)	135.8	137.2	138.0	148.0	-0.6	-0.1	- 8.2
Non-durable	156.5	156.8	156.8	162.8	-	-0.2	- 3.9
Durable	121.5	123.5	124.9	137.8	-1.1	-1.6	-11.8
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	366.8	364.7	362.8	354.0	+0.5	+0.6	+ 3.6
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	284.1	281.4	282.4	274.3	-0.4	+1.0	+ 3.6
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	294.1	293.3	292.8	279.9	+0.2	+0.3	+ 5.1
Tonnage Reported by 181 Carriers in (000 tons)	6,328	6,762	n.a.	7,297	n.a.	-6.4	-13.3

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ADJUSTED MONTHLY TRUCK INDEX -- HISTORICAL -- 1967 = 100

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982*
January	159.3	163.2	191.0	161.5	151.2	127.9
February	162.8	174.1	198.6	156.6	151.9	131.8
March	162.4	176.0	202.2	157.5	150.6	128.0
April	166.4	191.8	144.7	150.3	153.3	131.4
May	164.8	182.1	188.0	142.7	153.6	132.9
June	166.5	181.1	188.2	141.5	153.4	132.9
July	168.3	178.0	186.1	135.6	153.3	132.1
August	169.1	183.8	177.4	143.5	151.1	133.9
September	168.6	184.3	175.7	147.3	145.8	131.5r
October	166.9	189.0	172.8	147.3	139.7	124.8p
November	166.1	186.6	170.5	149.7	134.9	
December	170.1	189.6	167.7	151.1	126.2	

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Three Month Moving Average of Adjusted Truck Tonnage Index for Recent Months

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1981	151.4	151.2	151.9	152.5	153.4	153.4	152.6	150.1	145.5	140.1	133.6	129.7
1982	128.6	129.2	130.4	130.8	132.4	132.6	133.0	132.5r	130.1p			

The moving average aids in smoothing out less significant monthly variations.

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PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER TONNAGE DOWN -- REVISED SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER FIGURES SHOW INCREASES

In November, 1982, the ATA tonnage index dropped to 119.9p, a decline of five and four-tenths points from the revised October level. This decline continues the erratic movement occasioned by late year period shifts that were first noted last month. Actual tons reported in November were 5.51 million, down 8.2 percent from October. However, the standard adjustments for variations due to seasonality and differences in the number of trading/working days reduced this decline to 4.3 percent.

The number of summarized carriers, and the index levels, for September, October and November are significantly influenced by differences in carrier reporting periods. Some firms submit thirteen tonnage reports yearly -- each for 4 weeks. To combine these with the majority of carriers reporting on a calendar month basis requires a "catch-up" in the 10th through 13th periods. This necessary adjustment will be self-correcting by year's end. However, in the meantime it has resulted in substantial upward adjustments of the final September and of the revised October indexes and (probably) an unusually low preliminary index for November.

The general declines in October and November tonnage indexes continue to correspond to decreases in a number of other broad-based economic indicators. Once again, it is apparent that strong recovery is still not underway.

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INDEXES AND COMPARISONS THROUGH NOVEMBER

1967 = 100

	NOV. 1982	OCT. 1982	SEPT. 1982	NOV. 1981	Monthly % Change 10/82 / 9/82	Monthly % Change 11/82 / 10/82	Yearly % Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	119.9p	125.3r	131.5f	134.9f	-4.7	-4.3	-11.1
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	118.4p	129.0r	137.4f	128.4f	-6.1	-8.2	- 7.8
Industrial Production Index[2] (total)	135.6	136.2	137.4	146.3	-0.9	-0.4	- 7.3
Manufacturers (total)	134.9	135.6	137.1	145.0	-1.1	-0.5	- 7.0
Non-durable	156.0	156.3	156.3	160.3	-	-0.2	- 2.7
Durable	120.3	121.3	123.4	134.4	-1.7	-0.8	-10.5
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	376.5	368.1	364.7	355.3	+0.9	+2.3	+ 6.0
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	284.9	284.1	281.4	274.7	+1.0	+0.3	+ 3.7
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	293.6	294.1	293.3	280.7	+0.3	-0.2	+ 4.6
Tonnage Reported by 182 Carriers in (000 tons)	5,513	6,005	n.a.	5,821	n.a.	-8.2	- 5.3

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Three Month Moving Average of Adjusted Truck Tonnage Index for Recent Months

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1981	151.4	151.2	151.9	152.5	153.4	153.4	152.6	150.1	145.5	140.1	133.6	129.7
1982	128.6	129.2	130.4	130.8	132.4	132.6	133.0	132.5	130.2r	125.6p		

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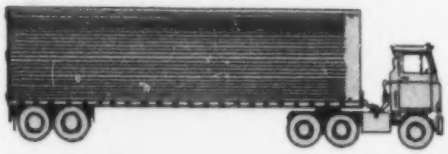

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PRELIMINARY DECEMBER TONNAGE DOWN -- REVISED OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER CONFIRM POOR FOURTH QUARTER

In December 1982, the ATA tonnage index declined to 118.1p, a drop of one and five-tenths points from the revised November level. The latest decline, which continue erratic movements caused by late year period shifts first noted two months ago, also confirms the generally depressed conditions during the last quarter of 1982. The preliminary December index is the lowest posted for the past 11 years.

Actual tons reported in December were 5.47 million, up 0.4% from November. However, the standard adjustments for variations due to differences in numbers of working/trading days and seasonality converted this increase to a 1.3% decline.

The general declines in the last quarter of 1982 continue to generally track a number of other broadly based U.S. economic indicators. Administration reports claiming that the recession "bottomed" in December are likewise partially confirmed by the tonnage series.

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Cumulative tonnage for 1982 decreased 11.4 percent compared to the same period in 1981 for the carriers in the survey.

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INDEXES AND COMPARISONS THROUGH DECEMBER
1967 = 100

	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Dec. 1981	Monthly % Change 11/82 / 10/82	Monthly % Change 12/82 / 11/82	Yearly % Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	118.1p	119.6r	124.6f	126.2f	-4.0	-1.3	-6.4
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)[2]	118.7p	118.2r	128.3f	127.2f	-7.9	+0.4	-6.7
Industrial Production Index[2] (total)	134.7	134.8	136.2	143.4	-1.0	-0.1	-6.1
Manufacturers (total)	133.9	134.0	135.0	142.0	-0.7	-0.1	-5.7
Non-durable	155.1	155.2	156.0	157.4	-0.5	-0.1	-1.5
Durable	119.3	119.3	120.5	131.3	-1.0	-	-9.1
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	377.9	379.4	368.1	354.6	+0.3	-0.4	+6.6
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	285.1	284.9	284.1	275.4	+0.3	+0.1	+3.5
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	289.4	293.6	294.1	281.5	-0.2	-1.4	+2.8
Tonnage Reported by 170 Carriers in (000 tons)	5,469	5,447	n.a.	5,742	n.a.	+0.4	-4.8

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ADJUSTED MONTHLY TRUCK INDEX -- HISTORICAL -- 1967 = 100

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January	159.3	163.2	191.0	161.5	151.2	127.9
February	162.8	174.1	198.6	156.6	151.9	131.8
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December	170.1	189.6	167.7	151.1	126.2	118.1p

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Three Month Moving Average of Adjusted Truck Tonnage Index for Recent Months

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1981	151.4	151.2	151.9	152.5	153.4	153.4	152.6	150.1	145.5	140.1	133.6	129.7
1982	128.6	129.2	130.4	130.8	132.4	132.6	133.0	132.5	130.0	125.2r	120.8p	

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JANUARY TONNAGE CLIMBS -- SLOW "PULL-OUT" NOTED

In January 1983, the ATA tonnage index rose to 125.8p, a climb of four points from the revised December level. This latest change, which follows a depressed fourth quarter of 1982, corresponds with the improved U.S. economic conditions as reported through a number of broadly based economic indicators.

Actual tons reported in January were 5.85 million, down 5.0% from December. However, the standard adjustments for variations due to seasonality and differences in numbers of trading/working days converted this decline to a 3.3% increase. The adjusted year-to-year decline was only 2.6%, the smallest in several years.

In keeping with ATA's ongoing practice, the adjusted tonnage index has again been updated to reflect the most recent seasonal/trading day factors. This is done annually (in January) and index numbers for the most recent five years have accordingly been revised. In most instances, changes have been less than one index point.

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INDEXES AND COMPARISONS THROUGH JANUARY
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	JAN. 1983	DEC. 1982	NOV. 1982	JAN. 1982	Monthly % Change 12/82 / 11/82	Monthly % Change 1/83 / 12/82	Yearly % Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	125.8p	121.8r	121.3f	129.1f	+0.4	+3.3	-2.6
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	115.0p	121.0r	118.2f	117.5f	+2.4	-5.0	-2.1
Industrial Production Index[2] (total)	136.2	135.0	134.8	140.7	+0.2	+0.9	-3.2
Manufacturers (total)	135.4	134.2	134.0	138.5	+0.2	+0.9	-2.2
Non-durable	156.3	155.5	155.2	155.1	+0.2	+0.5	+0.8
Durable	120.9	119.4	119.3	127.1	+0.1	+1.3	-4.9
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	375.1	374.7	379.4	349.5	-1.2	+0.1	+7.3
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	283.6	285.1	284.9	277.9	+0.1	-0.5	+2.1
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	293.1	292.4	293.6	282.5	-0.4	+0.2	+3.8
Tonnage Reported by 174 Carriers in January 1983 (000 tons)	5,847	6,155	n.a.	5,755	n.a.	-5.0	+1.6

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ADJUSTED MONTHLY TRUCK INDEX -- HISTORICAL -- 1967 = 100

	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983*
January	164.8	192.3	163.7	152.6	129.1	125.8p
February	174.1	198.8	156.6	152.1	132.1	
March	176.0	202.7	157.6	152.1	128.8	
April	191.5	143.9	150.4	152.6	130.9	
May	182.5	189.3	142.6	153.5	132.3	
June	180.9	186.8	140.1	152.3	132.4	
July	176.7	185.6	135.4	152.2	130.9	
August	183.7	176.1	142.2	148.7	132.5	
September	183.3	174.7	146.0	144.5	129.7	
October	189.5	172.8	147.4	139.9	125.1	
November	186.8	171.5	150.9	135.7	121.3	
December	190.4	168.4	152.4	128.1	121.8r	

NOTE: ALL DATA 1977 - 1982 HAVE BEEN UPDATED IN THIS TABLE AND IN THE FOLLOWING "MOVING AVERAGE"

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Three Month Moving Average of Adjusted Truck Tonnage Index for Recent Months

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1981	152.4	152.3	152.3	152.7	152.8	152.7	151.1	148.5	144.4	140.0	134.6	131.0
1982	129.8	130.0	130.6	130.7	131.9	131.9	131.9	131.0	129.1	125.4	122.7r	123.0p

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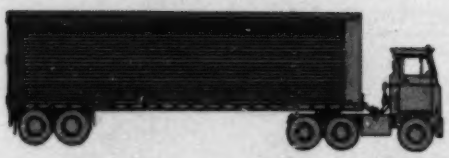

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FEBRUARY TONNAGE DOWN SLIGHTLY CONFIRMING A "CHURNING" ECONOMY

In February 1983, the ATA tonnage index declined by just over one point to 125.3p from the revised January level. This latest change, which places the index 2.8% above the very depressed December 1982 level (1967=100) corresponds to a number of broadly based U.S. economic indicators which showed a mixed or "churning" profile in February after a relatively strong January recovery.

Actual tons reported in February were 6.36 million, up 4.1% from January. However, the standard adjustments for variations due to differences in working/trading days and seasonality converted this increase to a 0.9% decline.

Despite the adjustments used to eliminate effects of seasonality, February weather was especially severe in many areas of the Nation this year. This factor may have acted to depress truck freight movements more than might be normally anticipated.

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	Feb. 1983	Jan. 1983	Dec. 1982	Feb. 1982	Monthly % Change 1/83 / 12/82	Monthly % Change 2/83 / 1/83	Yearly % Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	125.3p	126.4r	121.9f	132.1f	+3.7	-0.9	-5.2
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	120.3p	115.5r	121.2f	126.9f	-4.7	+4.2	-5.2
Industrial Production Index[2] (total)	137.3	136.9	135.0	142.9	+1.4	+0.3	-3.9
Manufacturers (total)	137.1	136.3	134.5	140.9	+1.3	+0.6	-2.7
Non-durable	156.8	156.9	155.8	157.8	+0.7	-	-0.6
Durable	123.4	122.1	119.8	129.3	+1.9	+1.1	-4.6
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	375.8	377.3	374.7	360.7	+0.7	-0.4	+4.2
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	283.7	283.6	285.1	277.9	-0.5	-	+2.1
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	293.2	293.1	292.4	283.4	+0.2	-	+3.5
Tonnage Reported by 198 Carriers in February 1983 (000 tons)	6,359	6,110	n.a.	6,500	n.a.	+4.1	-2.2

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Three Month Moving Average of Adjusted Truck Tonnage Index for Recent Months

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1981	152.4	152.3	152.3	152.7	152.8	152.7	151.1	148.5	144.4	140.0	134.6	131.0
1982	129.8	130.0	130.6	130.7	131.9	131.9	131.9	131.0	129.1	125.4	122.8	123.2r
1983	124.5p											

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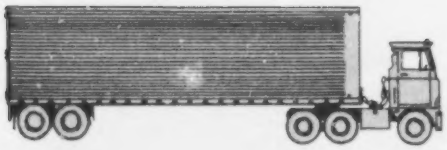

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MARCH TONNAGE SLIPS SLIGHTLY FROM FEBRUARY AS FREIGHT VOLUMES STILL SLUGGISH

The March 1983 ATA tonnage index declined eight-tenths of one point to a 124.2p level from the revised February figure. This measure of business handled by general freight carriers confirms the sluggishness in the economy throughout, now, the full first quarter of the year -- business remains improved over the fourth quarter of 1982 but is still lower (on an adjusted basis) than the corresponding months of the first quarter of a year ago.

The tonnage index decline from February to March reflects the substantial influence of adjustments for monthly differences in working/trading days and seasonality. Actual March tonnage was 7.36 million tons, more than a million tons more than the 6.31 million transported in February by the surveyed carriers.

These findings were announced today by the American Trucking Associations, Inc. (ATA) Statistical Analysis Department. The monthly truck tonnage index is based on a survey of the companywide operations of Class I and II motor carriers of general freight. Index coverage represents in excess of one-half of the tonnage moved by this type of for-hire motor carriers of property subject to Interstate Commerce Commission regulation.

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Cumulative tonnage for the first three months of 1983 increased 2.9 percent compared to the same period in 1982.

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INDEXES AND COMPARISONS THROUGH MARCH 1983

1967 = 100

	March 1983	Feb. 1983	Jan. 1983	March 1982	Monthly % Change 2/83 / 1/83	Monthly % Change 3/83 / 2/83	Yearly % Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	124.2p	125.0r	126.6f	128.8f	-1.3	- 0.6	-3.6
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	140.0p	120.04	115.7f	146.3f	+3.7	+16.7	-4.3
Industrial Production Index[2] (total)	139.1	137.6	136.9	141.7	+0.5	+ 1.1	-1.8
Manufacturers (total)	139.2	137.4	136.6	140.1	+0.6	+ 1.3	-0.6
Non-durable	159.2	157.5	157.3	157.3	+0.1	+ 1.1	+1.2
Durable	125.3	123.5	122.3	128.2	+1.0	+ 1.5	-2.3
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	374.9	373.6	377.3	359.2	-1.0	+ 0.4	+4.4
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	283.4	283.7	283.6	277.3	+0.4	- 0.1	+2.2
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	293.4	293.2	293.1	283.1	-	+ 0.1	+3.6
Tonnage Reported by 192 Carriers in March 1983 (000 tons)	7,361	6,311	n.a.	7,223	n.a.	+16.6	+1.9

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ADJUSTED MONTHLY TRUCK INDEX -- HISTORICAL -- 1967 = 100

	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983*
January	164.8	192.3	163.7	152.6	129.1	126.6
February	174.1	198.8	156.6	152.1	132.1	125.0r
March	176.0	202.7	157.6	152.1	128.8	124.2p
April	191.5	143.9	150.4	152.6	130.9	
May	182.5	189.3	142.6	153.5	132.3	
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	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
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1982	129.8	130.0	130.6	130.7	131.9	131.9	131.9	131.0	129.1	125.4	122.8	123.3
1983	124.5r	125.3p										

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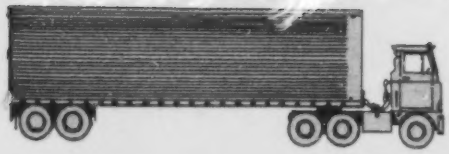

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APRIL TONNAGE CLIMBS SHARPLY FROM UPWARDLY REVISED MARCH LEVEL -- TO ABOVE COMPARABLE 1982 MONTH

The April 1983 ATA truck tonnage index rose 4.4 points (3.5%) to a 131.0p level from the revised March level of 126.6r. This indicator of the volume of freight handled by general commodity motor carriers is in line with accelerating pace of the Nation's recovery. For the first time since August 1981, the monthly tonnage index was above the level of a year earlier. The adjusted monthly index has now risen by 9.1 points, or by 7.4%, since the end of 1982.

Actual tonnage handled by the reporting carriers in April was 6.67 million tons, almost 1 percent above the volume reported for April 1982.

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INDEXES AND COMPARISONS THROUGH APRIL 1983

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	Apr. 1983	Mar. 1983	Feb. 1983	Apr. 1982	Monthly % Change 3/83 / 2/83	Monthly % Change 4/83 / 3/83	Yearly % Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	131.0p	126.6r	125.3f	130.9f	+ 1.0	+3.5	+0.1
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	128.8p	142.7r	120.3f	130.8f	+18.6	-9.7	-1.5
Industrial Production Index[2] (total)	142.6	139.7	137.6	140.2	+ 1.5	+2.1	+1.7
Manufacturers (total)	142.9	139.9	138.0	138.7	+ 1.4	+2.1	+3.0
Non-durable	163.1	160.1	158.6	156.1	+ 1.0	+1.9	+4.5
Durable	129.0	125.9	123.7	126.7	+ 1.8	+2.5	+1.8
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	385.9	379.9	373.6	362.4	+ 1.7	+1.6	+6.5
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	283.0	283.4	283.7	277.3	- 0.1	-0.1	+2.1
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	295.5	293.4	293.1	284.3	+ 0.1	+0.7	+3.9
Tonnage Reported by 196 Carriers in April 1983 (000 tons)	6,666	7,384	n.a.	6,616	n.a.	-9.7	+0.7

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January	164.8	192.3	163.7	152.6	129.1	126.6
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Three Month Moving Average of Adjusted Truck Tonnage Index for Recent Months

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1981	152.4	152.3	152.3	152.7	152.8	152.7	151.1	148.5	144.4	140.0	134.6	131.0
1982	129.8	130.0	130.6	130.7	131.9	131.9	131.9	131.0	129.1	125.4	122.8	123.3
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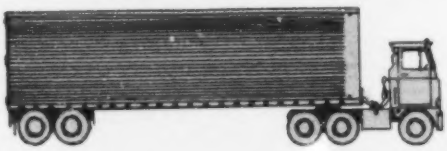

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MAY TONNAGE CONTINUES TO CLIMB, INCREASING OVER APRIL 1983 AND MAY 1983 LEVELS

The ATA truck tonnage index rose another 2.8 points (2.1 percent) in May 1983 to a 133.6p level from the April level of 130.8r. This improvement in freight volume handled by general commodity motor carriers is consistent with and even slightly stronger than improvements in overall economic activity from April to May. Also, the monthly tonnage index reflects a marked improvement over the index level of a year earlier. Since year end 1982, the adjusted monthly index has increased 11.7 points, or by 9.6 percent.

Actual tonnage handled by the reporting carriers in May was 6.93 million tons, almost 6 percent above the volume reported for April 1982.

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INDEXES AND COMPARISONS THROUGH MAY 1983
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	MAY 1983	APR. 1983	MAR. 1983	MAY 1982	Monthly % Change 4/83 / 3/83	Monthly % Change 5/83 / 4/83	Yearly % Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	133.6p	130.8r	126.1f	132.3f	+3.7	+2.1	+1.0
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	132.3p	128.6r	142.2f	128.6f	-9.6	+2.9	+2.9
Industrial Production Index[2] (total)	144.3	142.7	139.7	139.2	+2.2	+1.1	+3.7
Manufacturers (total)	145.0	143.2	140.3	137.9	+2.1	+1.3	+5.2
Non-durable	165.1	163.6	160.6	155.0	+1.9	+1.0	+6.5
Durable	131.1	129.1	126.2	126.1	+2.3	+1.6	+4.0
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	396.8	388.6	379.9	372.0	+2.3	+2.1	±6.7
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	284.3	283.0	283.4	277.8	-0.1	+0.5	+2.3
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	297.1	295.5	293.4	287.1	+0.7	+0.5	+3.5
Tonnage Reported by 206 Carriers in May 1983 (000 tons)	6,932	6,737	n.a.	6,549	n.a.	+2.9	+5.9

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Three Month Moving Average of Adjusted Truck Tonnage Index for Recent Months

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1981	152.4	152.3	152.3	152.7	152.8	152.7	151.1	148.5	144.4	140.0	134.6	131.0
1982	129.8	130.0	130.6	130.7	131.9	131.9	131.9	131.0	129.1	125.4	122.8	123.3
1983	124.6	126.0	127.4r	130.2p								

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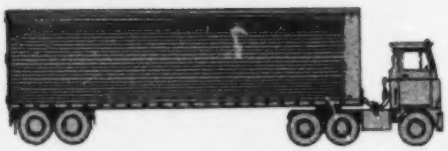

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GENERAL FREIGHT TONNAGE RECORDS CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS IN JUNE OF 1983

The June 1983 ATA truck tonnage index increased for the fourth consecutive month to a level of 136.7p. This index level is 3.1 points (2.3 percent) higher than in May of 1983 and 4.3 points (3.3 percent) higher than in June of 1982. The June 1983 index level also marks the second month in a row that the current tonnage has exceeded levels recorded during corresponding months of 1982.

Actual tons handled by the reporting carriers totalled 5.7 million in June of 1983 compared to 5.2 million in May of 1983 and 5.4 million in June of 1982. The tonnage increases are in line with positive changes in the broader measures of economic activity registered by business generally.

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Cumulative tonnage for the first six months of 1983 increased 0.8 percent compared to the same period in 1982.

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INDEXES AND COMPARISONS THROUGH June 1983
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	June 1983	May 1983	Apr. 1983	June 1982	Monthly % Change 5/83 / 4/83	Monthly % Change 6/83 / 5/83	Yearly % Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	136.7p	133.6r	130.8f	132.4f	+2.1	+2.3	+3.3
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	144.0p	132.2r	128.6f	139.8f	+2.8	+8.9	+3.0
Industrial Production Index[2] (total)	145.9	144.3	142.7	138.7	+1.1	+1.1	+5.2
Manufacturers (total)	146.6	145.0	143.1	137.7	+1.3	+1.1	+6.5
Non-durable	165.9	164.9	166.3	155.3	-0.8	+0.6	+6.8
Durable	133.2	131.2	129.1	125.5	+1.6	+1.5	+6.1
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	406.0	403.2	388.6	362.9	+3.8	+0.7	+11.9
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	285.0	284.3	283.0	279.9	+0.5	+0.3	+1.8
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	298.1	297.1	295.5	290.6	+0.5	+0.3	+2.6
Tonnage Reported by 184 Carriers in June 1983 (000 tons)	5,689	5,224	n.a.	5,428	n.a.	+8.9	+4.8

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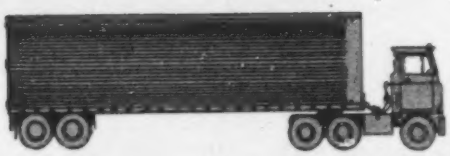

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GENERAL FREIGHT TONNAGE REGISTERS 5th MONTH OF IMPROVEMENT IN JULY OF 1983

General freight truck tonnage increased in July of 1983 to an index level of 139.9(p), a 2.8 point increase (2.0 percent) over the 137.1(r) level registered in June. The July tonnage improvement marks the fifth month in a row of slowly increasing volume for the sample of general freight carriers and also represents the third consecutive month where the current months tonnage level has exceeded the monthly level registered one year earlier.

The July tonnage index is based on 6.4 million actual ton handled. Compared to July of 1982 actual tons increased 4.9 percent. Seasonal and trading day adjustment factors produced a 6.9 percent improvement in the index. Over the same time period, industrial production increased 7.1 percent. From June to July of 1983, the adjusted general freight tonnage index growth of 2 percent compares with a 1.8 percent growth in industrial production.

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INDEXES AND COMPARISONS THROUGH July 1983
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	July 1983	June 1983	May 1983	July 1982	Monthly % Change 6/83 / 5/83	Monthly % Change 7/83 / 6/83	Yearly % Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	139.9p	137.1r	133.8f	130.9f	+2.5	+2.0	+6.9
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	127.3p	144.4r	132.4f	122.4f	+9.1	-11.8	+4.0
Industrial Production Index[2] (total)	148.6	146.0	144.3	138.8	+1.2	+1.8	+7.1
Manufacturers (total)	149.4	146.8	145.0	138.1	+1.2	+1.8	+8.2
Non-durable	168.6	166.9	165.1	155.7	+1.1	+1.0	+8.3
Durable	136.1	133.0	131.0	125.9	+1.5	+2.3	+8.1
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	404.1	404.2	403.2	366.5	+0.3	-	+10.3
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	285.7	285.0	284.3	281.7	+0.3	+0.3	+1.4
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	299.3	298.1	297.1	292.2	+0.3	+0.4	+2.4
Tonnage Reported by 197 Carriers in July 1983 (000 tons)	6,440	7,304	n.a.	6,137	n.a.	-11.8	+4.9

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ADJUSTED MONTHLY TRUCK INDEX -- HISTORICAL -- 1967 = 100

	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983*
January	164.8	192.3	163.7	152.6	129.1	126.6
February	174.1	198.8	156.6	152.1	132.1	125.3
March	176.0	202.7	157.6	152.1	128.8	126.1
April	191.5	143.9	150.4	152.6	130.9	130.8
May	182.5	189.3	142.6	153.5	132.3	133.8
June	180.9	186.8	140.1	152.3	132.4	137.1r
July	176.7	185.6	135.4	152.2	130.9	139.9p
August	183.7	176.1	142.2	148.7	132.5	
September	183.3	174.7	146.0	144.5	129.7	
October	189.5	172.8	147.4	139.9	125.1	
November	186.8	171.5	150.9	135.7	121.3	
December	190.4	168.4	152.4	128.1	121.9	

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Three Month Moving Average of Adjusted Truck Tonnage Index for Recent Months

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1981	152.4	152.3	152.3	152.7	152.8	152.7	151.1	148.5	144.4	140.0	134.6	131.0
1982	129.8	130.0	130.6	130.7	131.9	131.9	131.9	131.0	129.1	125.4	122.8	123.3
1983	124.6	126.0	127.4	130.2	133.9r	136.9p						

The moving average aids in smoothing out less significant monthly variations.

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AUGUST TONNAGE SLIPS SLIGHTLY BUT REMAINS UP FROM 1982

In August, 1983, the ATA Tonnage Index was 139.3(p), a 0.3 point decrease (0.2%) below the 139.6(r) level registered in July. Although the August Tonnage Index level declined for the first time since March, it nonetheless marks the fourth consecutive month in which the current level has exceeded the monthly level registered one year earlier.

The actual tons reported by motor carriers in the ATA survey climbed from 5.9 million tons in July to just over 6.6 million tons in August of 1983. Actual tons increased 11.4%. However, the substantial influence of adjustments for variations due to seasonality the number of working (trading) days reduced the August Index level to 139.3(p).

From July to August of 1983, industrial production increased 0.9% compared to the adjusted general freight tonnage index decline of 0.2%.

These findings were announced today by the American Trucking Associations, Inc. (ATA) Statistical Analysis Department. The monthly truck tonnage index is based on a survey of the companywide operations of Class I and II motor carriers of general freight. Index coverage represents in excess of one-half of the tonnage moved by this type of for-hire motor carriers of property subject to Interstate Commerce Commission regulation.

Month-to-month data are compiled using a chain link which, in turn, has been adjusted to remove the normal seasonal influence and variations due to differing numbers of business (trading) days each month.

The current and historic index numbers are shown on the reverse side, along with several other major business indicator series. A "three-month moving average" adjusted truck tonnage index has also been compiled which aids in smoothing out short-term non-significant movements in the series.

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INDEXES AND COMPARISONS THROUGH August 1983
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